

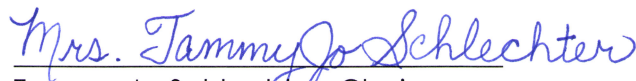
2018 Annual Report
South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission

The Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission hereby files this report with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing possible violations of the code of ethics for teachers. When the Commission determines that cause exists to believe a teacher has violated the code of ethics, the Commission holds a contested case hearing. Ultimately, the Commission may reprimand or recommend a disciplinary action which may be implemented by the appropriate governing body against a member of the teaching profession if the member has been determined by the Commission to have violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25 and found in ARSD 24:08:03. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission files a written complaint with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

During calendar year 2018, the Commission received fourteen complaints. The commission met on six occasions and reviewed the three complaints that were pending at the end of 2017, and two of the complaints filed in 2018. Two complaints from 2017 were issued private reprimands: the other 2017 complaint was dismissed. The Commission held two contested hearings in 2018. The Commission referred the two complaints to the secretary of Education for revocation. There are 12 complaints that remain pending at the end of 2018.

Dated: February 4, 2019



Tammy Jo Schlechter, Chairman
Professional Teachers Practices & Standards Commission